

# Notice: Special Use of Ralph Price Reservoir in Button Rock Preserve

The Colorado Army National Guard will be conducting live bucket operations with multiple helicopters out of the Ralph Price Reservoir with direction from ground resources on simulated fire perimeters in typical terrain in the Button Rock Preserve. The objective is to allow both the National Guard and firefighters to share a realistic, high quality training opportunity. A qualified instructor will be on the ground to coach trainees on proper Air to Ground Communication procedures as well as proper standard target description techniques.

The National Guard is coordinating this training with City of Longmont staff to ensure safety to visitors, wildlife and the environment within Button Rock Preserve. Visitors should be prepared that there will be extra activity in the preserve during the dates and times listed below, most notably sound pollution from the helicopters. Although this training will create a level of disturbance for visitors, it is a valuable opportunity for wildland firefighters to gain familiarity with Button Rock Preserve should a fire ever threaten the area, in addition to building skills for use across the state of Colorado.

## Planned Dates and Times for National Guard Training Operations at Ralph Price Reservoir:

- May 14
  - 12 – 5 p.m.
- May 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24
  - 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.

